

Saudi minister begins Maghreb tour

ALGIERS (R) — Saudi Arabian Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdur Aziz arrived Tuesday on a six-day official visit at the invitation of Algerian President Chadli Benjedid. The official Algerian Press Agency (APS) gave no other details of the visit, to be followed by a four-day official trip to neighbouring Morocco starting Monday. But diplomats hinted the Saudi minister's North African tour with his country's efforts to patch up Moroccan-Algerian differences over the Western Sahara dispute. There have been high-level exchanges between Morocco and Algeria since last May when King Fahd brought President Benjedid and King Hassan of Morocco together at a border meeting in Morocco to talk about restoring diplomatic ties. Rabat severed ties with Algeria for former Spanish territory of Western Sahara. A senior Saudi military source said the Saudi Naval Forces, currently visiting Algeria, Gen. Shabli secretary general of the Algerian Defence Ministry, the APS said.

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UNIFIL soldier killed in ambush

TYRE (AP) — A United Nations soldier was killed and three others were wounded Tuesday when unidentified attackers fired at their jeep in an ambush in South Lebanon, a U.N. spokesman said. Tamer Goksel, spokesman of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) said the four, all Nepalese, were ambushed at 3:15 p.m. by unknown gunmen as they drove on the main road in Kafra, 12 kilometers north of the Israeli border.

Gorbachev proposes U.N. summit on disarmament

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev proposed Tuesday that leaders of the 15 nations on the U.N. Security Council meet to discuss how money saved from disarmament could be spent on economic development. Mr. Gorbachev made the suggestion in a message read by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir F. Petrovsky to the 140-nation international conference on the relationship between disarmament and development. "It would be useful to discuss in principle the problems of disarmament and development at a special meeting of top leaders of member states of the U.N. Security Council," Mr. Gorbachev said in the message.

Turkey holds 94 Iranian soldiers

ANKARA (R) — Security officials Tuesday interrogated 94 Iranian Revolutionary guards captured after they entered Turkey in an effort to reach Iraq, a local official said. The group entered Turkey on Sunday and were soon captured by the Turkish army, said Macit Dalkilic, deputy governor of Hakkari province. He was quoted by the semi-official Anatolian news agency. Turkish officials said the group apparently intended to sabotage an Iraqi oil export pipeline where it crosses the border into Turkey.

Bonnie drops warrant against Syrian

BONN (AP) — West Germany has dropped an arrest warrant for a high-ranking Syrian intelligence officer who a West Berlin court ruled was involved in a guerrilla attack in the city, government sources said Tuesday. The sources said the warrant for Hisham Saad was dropped earlier this month for political reasons. "It was a political, not a legal decision," said one government source. "It has been decided that relations with Syria are to be improved," the source added in a telephone interview.

Hess may yet be buried in family grave

WUNSIEDEL, West Germany (R) — The body of Hitler's former deputy Rudolf Hess, buried in a secret location to prevent neo-Nazi demonstrations, will eventually be transferred to the family grave in Wunsiedel, Hess' family lawyer Alfred Seidl said Tuesday. The family announced on Monday they had buried Hess in a secret grave to stop his funeral, originally planned for Wednesday in this Bavarian town, from becoming a rally for right-wing extremists.

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6 Israeli soldiers injured in blast

TEL AVIV (AP) — A mine blast in South Lebanon wounded six Israeli soldiers Tuesday, two of them seriously, the military command said. The command said the troops "ran upon a minefield" while on a foot patrol Tuesday morning, and that immediately after the incident, soldiers launched searches in the area. The military deviated from normal practice by refusing to say exactly where the incident occurred. But Israel Radio said it was inside Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" in South Lebanon. The radio also quoted unnamed foreign reporters based in the South Lebanese city of Tyre as saying the mines were believed to have been planted, apparently accidentally, by Israeli-backed Lebanese militiamen. Two of the soldiers were wounded seriously, one moderately and three slightly, the command added in a communiqué read to reporters by telephone. The incident brought to 12 the number of Israeli soldiers wounded in Lebanon this month. Six troops were wounded Aug. 10 in a mortar attack by Lebanese guerrillas.

Arab League gives Iran until Sept. 20 to accept ceasefire

Tunis statement urges Security Council to adopt urgent measures to ensure Tehran's adhesion to Resolution 598
Communiqué condemns Iranians over Mecca riots, voices solidarity with Iraq and supports Kuwaiti moves to defend its security and integrity

TUNIS (Agencies) — Arab League foreign ministers decided Tuesday to give Iran until Sept. 20 to accept a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war or face a reexamination of the Arab countries' relations with Tehran.

Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klifi said after the decision by the League's Ministerial Council that the breaking of diplomatic relations between Iran and the Arab countries could not be excluded if Tehran does not respond to peace efforts.

The Arab states preferred to put this question off until later to give Iran a chance," Mr. Klifi told reporters. "But if Tehran refuses to submit to the will of the

international community, we would find ourselves obliged to revise our relations with (Iran)."

We noted that the Sept. 20 date coincides with the opening session of the U.N. General Assembly in New York. U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar will have completed his discussions with the Iranians by then, Mr. Klifi said.

On July 20, the Security Council approved a resolution calling

for an immediate ceasefire in the seven-year-old Gulf war and sanctions on any party that did not abide by it. Iraq has accepted the resolution. Iran has neither accepted nor rejected it, but has said it does not like because it does not name Iraq as the "aggressor."

The Arab League ministers began their meeting on Sunday to forge a unified Arab position on the Gulf war. But the session dragged out over three days because of disagreement over the wording of the final document.

At his news conference after the meeting, Mr. Klifi said the decision on breaking relations with Iran was postponed "so that we will not be accused of precipitating, to give Iran time to

reflect, and allow the U.N. secretary general to apply the (Security Council) resolution..." Conference sources said Saudi Arabia had deliberately adopted a hard line against Iran at the beginning of the meeting, proposing that the Arabs break ties with Tehran, in order to get the support of countries like Libya and Syria for a milder resolution.

The final text handed to the press "energetically condemns acts of destruction and disorders provoked by the Iranians" on July 31 during the pilgrimage to Mecca when more than 400 pilgrims died in violent clashes.

It also "denounces the destructive policy towards and threats to the internal security of Arab

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Iraqi envoy says lull in Gulf 'tanker war' is only temporary

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Iraq's ambassador to the United States has warned that attacks on Iranian oil shipments in the Gulf might be resumed if there is no progress in U.N. efforts to end the seven-year-old war between the two countries.

Ambassador Nizar Hamdoon gave the warning in a farewell interview on Monday with AP at the Iraqi embassy. Meantime, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar sought Iran's approval in New York of a ceasefire ordered July 20 by the Security Council.

"This is very limited matter, a very temporary matter," Mr. Hamdoon said of the moratorium Iraq imposed on itself last month while U.S. diplomats worked for approval of the U.N. resolution.

"Iraq has never given its promise to anybody," Mr. Hamdoon said. "Iran has never given up its right to hit and attack the Iranian ships that are bound for Iranian ports."

The ambassador will become Iraq's deputy foreign minister after he returns to Baghdad in 10 days.

"As long as we don't see a serious effort to squeeze Iran on the Security Council level, Iraq would feel free to hit in those waters," Mr. Hamdoon said. "And I think most of the parties understand the Iraqi position."

Iraq began the so-called "tank-

er war" in the spring of 1983. Iran's only means of transporting its oil is through the Gulf, while Iraq uses pipelines through Saudi Arabia and Turkey as well as Gulf shipping.

Under Iraqi fire, Iran's oil exports dropped dramatically a year ago to about 500,000 barrels a day. Since the moratorium they have rebounded to more than 2 million barrels a day.

Mr. Hamdoon said the war would end if Iran were deprived of weapons and the money to buy them.

The ambassador and the State Department indicated separately that Mr. Perez de Cuellar's meetings Monday and Tuesday with Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Javad Larjani could be pivotal.

"It's now about time to take a decision," Mr. Hamdoon said.

Phyllis Oakley, a State Department spokeswoman, said "if Iran continues to stall, the Security Council must move ahead with enforcement measures."

But she said there was still hope Iran would comply with the ceasefire because "this clearly would be a sensible thing to do."

Iraq readily accepted the resolution, while Iran has hedged about its position.

After the first high level talks between Iranian officials and the U.N. secretary general since the Security Council's call for a ceasefire, Iran's public statements in-

dicated that the United Nations has been unable to start any peace initiative in the Gulf war.

At a press conference after his meeting with Mr. Perez de Cuellar on Monday, Mr. Larjani continued to voice his objections to the Security Council's call for a ceasefire, but he stopped short of rejecting the resolution outright.

"It is not a matter of refusal to obey or not," he said. "The problem is: What concrete, practical, meaningful steps we can take toward peace and security in the region. It is not a problem of take it or leave it. It is a problem of reaching a meaningful end."

Mr. Larjani told a news conference his government still had complaints about the Security Council resolution but was willing to pursue negotiations with Mr. Perez de Cuellar.

In Abu Dhabi, an Iranian envoy on Tuesday dismissed the impact of a possible United Nations arms embargo as "trivial" and ruled out high-level talks with the United States.

Iran's ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Mustafa Haeri, also said in an interview that the Strait of Hormuz, outlet of the Gulf, could be blocked by sinking two ships in its channels.

"Iran has started mass production of its own arms industry," said the ambassador in Abu Dhabi.

U.S. fleet faces attacks by American-made weapons

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. ships patrolling the Gulf could face attack by American-built weapons if their task of escorting Kuwaiti tankers erupted into combat with Iran, a private group that monitors arms sales said 16 days ago.

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S. African union and mines start talks; strike continues

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) — Mining executives and the black National Mineworkers' Union (NUM) held contract negotiations Tuesday for the first time since the miners launched a strike 16 days ago.

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Reports conflict over new convoy in Gulf

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — High winds and flying desert sand in the southern Gulf on Tuesday added to uncertainty over the next convoy of Kuwaiti tankers, a day after four ships completed a voyage marked by confrontations between their U.S. navy escorts and other vessels.

Although some reports claimed the convoy was already en route up the Gulf, Kuwaiti officials denied that, and other sources said only that two of the ships destined for the trip were anchored outside the Strait of Hormuz.

The third was en route from Europe and still several days away, its owners said in London.

Gulf-based shipping sources who on Monday had reported the convoy as having cleared the Strait of Hormuz into the Gulf, said they had no new information because bad weather was sharply limiting any direct observations.

"Whether we have a new convoy moving or not, and with the weather as it is, it is all helping the U.S. navy spread confusion which is the way it now wants the escort operations to continue," said a Dubai-based shipping executive quoted by AP.

Reuter said in a dispatch from Abu Dhabi that bad weather blocked the new U.S. navy convoy from entering the Gulf en route to Kuwait.

They said winds gusting to 25 knots and laden with sand from the Arabian desert cut visibility over the Strait of Hormuz and the southern Gulf, preventing two reflagged Kuwaiti tankers and their escorts from entering the waterway.

The two tankers, the 81,283-tonne Surf City and the 79,996-tonne Cheseapeake City, had been due to pass through the Strait of Hormuz early Tuesday but the convoy commander apparently postponed departure because of bad visibility, the sources said.

Talks between the NUM and the Chamber of Mines, broke down in early July over the union's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase.

The strike, the biggest and most costly in South Africa's history, has been plagued by violence resulting in the deaths of at least six miners.

As negotiations got underway, the Anglo American mining conglomerate issued a spate of fresh ultimatums to miners at gold and coal mines to return to work or be dismissed.

Anglo already has fired about 7,000 strikers, and its new threat raises to about 30,000 the number of its workers who face dismissal if they do not meet various deadlines Wednesday.

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Many of those weapons systems were still operational despite a shortage of spare parts.

Mr. Hartung said the current military situation in the Gulf also highlighted the "folly" of secret 1985-86 sales of Hawk and F-14 jet fighters, Sparrow and Sidewinder air interceptors, and Sea Cobras.

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W. German hostage in Beirut urges Bonn to free Hamadei

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A West German held hostage in Lebanon appealed to Bonn to release a suspected Lebanese hijacker in a swap for his freedom and that of another German captive.

In the first evidence that he was still alive, 47-year-old engineer Alfred Schmidt made the appeal in videotape released by his captors and delivered to an international news agency.

The four-minute tape showed Schmidt reading a prepared statement in German in which he said he was "up to now in good physical condition" and that his treatment was better than he might have expected.

"We ask the government ... of West Germany to seriously study the release of Mohammad Ali Hamadei, so our release may be possible and we can soon be with our families ..." the statement said.

The engineer and West German businessman Rudolf Cordes, 55, were seized by gunmen in mainly Muslim west Beirut last January shortly after Hamadei, 22, was arrested in Frankfurt.

The two kidnap victims are among 28 foreigners still missing and believed kidnapped in Lebanon.

A group calling itself "the Freedom Strugglers" claimed the West German's seizure in a statement issued last July 8 and accompanied by a photocopy of Cordes' passport.

Gulf-bound French units pass through Suez Canal

ISMALIYA, Egypt (AP) — Three French minehunters and two support vessels sailed down the Suez Canal Tuesday to join a naval squadron in the Gulf region.

The minehunters will participate in what is shaping up as an international effort to rid the Gulf of explosives and safeguard navigation in its shipping lanes.

Already operating in the Gulf are eight U.S. mine-hunting Sea Stallion helicopters based aboard the carrier *Guadalcanal*. Three U.S. minesweepers are on their way to the Gulf across the Pacific, and four smaller mine-sweeping boats aboard the amphibious landing ship *Raleigh* are en route after transiting the Suez Canal last week.

Four British minesweepers assigned Gulf duty left Scotland last week and arrived at Gibraltar on Tuesday. They reportedly were scheduled to leave during

the weekend and reach the Gulf in about four weeks.

The five French units transiting the Canal Tuesday were the minehunters *Cantho*, *Garganico* and *Vinh Long*, the tanker *Var* and the support vessel *Garonne*. They were part of a 32-ship southbound convoy that left Port Said, at the Canal's northern tip, at 4 a.m. (0200 GMT).

The French Task Force in the Gulf area is led by the carrier *Clemenceau*, which transited the canal on Aug. 5, along with the missile-launching frigates *Suffren* and *Duquesne* and the oiler *Meuse*.

With the arrival of the minehunters, France will have about a dozen naval vessels in the Gulf area.

Wife of French envoy in Tehran arrives in Paris

PARIS (R) — The wife and baby of the French consul in Tehran returned to Paris Tuesday after five weeks under police guard at the French embassy in Iran.

Eustelle Torri and her nine-week-old son Charles were flown

to Paris on a scheduled Iran-Air flight.

Her husband, Paul Torri, and eight other French diplomats have been kept in the Tehran embassy since France and Iran broke relations on July 17.

Glass reappeared in southern Beirut after two months in captivity amid reports that Syria had managed to secure his freedom.

Damascus has repeatedly said it would do all it could to secure freedom for foreigners abducted in Lebanon.

The video came four days after the underground Islamic Jihad issued a statement saying one of its three French hostages was gravely ill and it linked the fate of its captives to 17 Arabs imprisoned in Kuwait for sabotage.

Kuwait has ruled out an early release of its prisoners.

The West Germans' captors hinted in their July statement that they might welcome an exchange of Cordes and Schmidt for Hamadei. The group offered a videotape of one of the two men in return for a film showing Hamadei.

West German government sources said then that Bonn did not rule out an exchange, but it is not known whether the two sides swapped films of their respective prisoners.

Monday night's video cassette was dated Aug. 23.

The West Germans' captors are reported to be linked to the Iranian-backed Hezbollah (Party of God), a militant organization with some 3,000 fighters in south and east Lebanon.

Hamadei is the brother of a Hezbollah official, but the organization has firmly denied any

involvement in the abduction of foreigners in Lebanon.

Bon officials on Tuesday said the trial of Hamadei will be held as planned, despite a plea for the suspect's release by the West German hostage in Beirut.

Bon officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said under West German law Hamadei, must stand trial in West Germany.

Bon Justice Ministry spokesman Juergen Schmid also told the Associated Press that Hamadei will stand trial as planned in West Germany, but he declined to elaborate.

Hamadei's "trial will go ahead," Mr. Schmid said in a telephone interview. "The investigation is still underway. I will say no more on the subject."

One government official, who asked not to be named, said no "changes in policy" should be expected in the wake of Schmidt's video.

Government Spokesman Juergen Finsen declined to comment on the four-minute video.

"We have no comment on that at this time," he told the Associated Press. "As far as I know, no (West German official) has seen the video."

Foreign Ministry officials said government officials were slated to meet later in the day to discuss the videotape from Beirut, but they declined to elaborate.

Kuwait, at the northern end of the Gulf, but Britain has restricted its naval force to helping British-registered vessels pass through the Strait of Hormuz at the entrance of the Gulf, and not protecting ships all the way to Kuwait.

The government maintains that registering ships under the British flag is an administrative matter, and that any vessel can be so registered as long as it meets safety and technical requirements. Kuwait is known to have chartered three British-registered vessels this year.

One Kuwaiti vessel, the 26,000-tonne Modhi, was registered last month in the British possession of Gibraltar, entitling it to the protection offered by the Royal Navy in the Gulf. The Modhi is reported to be halfway between Singapore and the Gulf en route to Bahrain.

The Labour Party's Defence Spokesman, Deazi Davies, sharply criticised the government's policy as a "dangerous farce whereby it pretends that applications to refuel Kuwaiti oil tankers... are a purely administrative matter."

Mr. Davies urged the government to announce it would not accept applications from Kuwaiti vessels.

"Terry had been working with us on ways to provide ongoing assistance for the redevelopment of southern Lebanon," he said, stressing the urgent need to rebuild hospitals, social services and agriculture to provide basic needs and jobs.

The Saudis, who said the July 31 violence was triggered by the militant Iranian Shi'ite pilgrims, deported him and other Iranian officials after the clashes. Most Saudis belong to the rival Sunni branch of Islam.

The last Iranian pilgrims flew from Jeddah for home Tuesday, 25 days after the riots in Mecca.

LONDON (Agencies) — Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said Tuesday that reports that owners of a Kuwaiti tanker were planning to seek British registration did not signal any change in Britain's policy in the region.

"There has been no change in policy at all on our part. Re-flagging is not something which is a political decision," he told British Television, stressing the arrangement was a purely commercial one which did not involve the government.

A U.S. State Department spokeswoman said Monday Britain was re-flagging an unspecified number of Kuwaiti tankers.

She said the move was welcomed by Washington, which has been urging its European allies to lend a hand in keeping the critical Gulf shipping lanes open.

Mr. Howe said the U.S. State Department's statement was "ill-founded," and he added, "Let me make it plain, there has been no change of policy at all."

"The Armailla patrol has accompanied and assisted British vessels over the same area and will continue to do so in the southern part of the Gulf, not north of Bahrain, and not in fact extending as far as Kuwait," Mr. Howe said.

A U.S. task force in the Gulf is escorting tankers to and from

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King receives cables on Hijri new year

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan celebrated Tuesday the Hijri new year which marks the beginning of the year 1408 of the Muslim calendar.

On the occasion, His Majesty King Hussein received cables of good wishes from kings and heads of state of Arab and friendly nations.

Cables came from King Hassan of Morocco, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, president of the United Arab Emirates, South Yemeni President Haidar Al Attas, and Emir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani.

All government departments and public institutions were closed Tuesday. Also all liquor stores, night clubs and bars were closed from Monday evening until Wednesday morning.



Crown Prince to attend Aqaba promotion seminar

AQABA (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan will patronise a seminar on "Aqaba's present and future" due to be held here Sept. 17, according to Bassam Qaqish, president of the Aqaba Region Authority (ARA), which is organising the event.

Mr. Qaqish said that arrangements have been made for involving as many specialists as possible to discuss investments in the city and means for promoting its economic and touristic life.

Mr. Qaqish said that the semi-

nar was the brainchild of Prince Hassan during his recent trip to Aqaba. Prince Hassan requested that the private sector, as well as the public sector, be involved in the discussion of issues pertaining to the various aspects of life in the city.

A preparatory committee for the seminar has put together four working papers dealing with science, environment, commerce and industry, and transport and tourism. Participants from Amman and Aqaba will take part in the seminar.

Jordanian-Iraqi company to resume meetings today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The general assembly of the Jordanian-Iraqi Industries Company is due to resume its meetings in Amman today to discuss topics related to the company's activities and future plans.

The general assembly opened the meeting in Amman Monday during which discussion centred on the possibility of setting up new company-owned industries to enhance cooperation between Jordan and Iraq.

Mr. Hatem Abdul Rashid, the Iraqi minister of industry, is heading his country's delegation to the meeting. Jordan's team is

led by Dr. Rajai Muasher, minister of industry, trade and supply. Upon arriving in Amman Monday, Mr. Abdul Rashid said that the meeting will review the company's plans for projects not only benefiting Jordan and Iraq, but also the entire Arab World.

The joint company last year took ownership of the Jordanian tomato paste factory and an Iraqi plant for pickling vegetables.

The Baghdad-based company was set up three years ago with a capital of JD 20 million shared equally by the Jordanian and Iraqi governments.

Arabs give ultimatum to Iran

(Continued from page 1) states and all interference in their internal affairs," as well as the attacks on the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti embassies in Tehran.

It called for guaranteed freedom of navigation in the Gulf, and backed measures taken by Kuwait to "defend its security and territorial integrity," taken as a reference to its refloated tankers and their American warship escorts.

The League reaffirmed its solidarity with Iraq "in the legitimate defence of its sovereignty, unity and integrity of its territory," and "categorically opposes Iranian occupation of the slightest bit of Iraqi territory."

Officials said Mr. Kibli and Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal were entrusted with consultations with a view to convening an extraordinary Arab summit devoted to the Gulf war.

The initial version of the Arab League resolution was much stronger, calling for a rupture of relations with Iran until it accepted the U.N. resolution. But after three days of constant bilateral and multilateral negotiations, a more watered down document was finally accepted.

Saudi Arabia, particularly, appeared to want a toughly worded resolution and there were suggestions that the Arab League revive the joint Arab Defence Pact which views an attack on one Arab nation as an attack on all. This would enable the Arab World to rally solidly behind Iraq.

But such tough language was opposed by Syria and Libya, Iran's only allies in the Arab World, as well as some of the Gulf states, such as Oman and the United Arab Emirates, who felt that breaking relations would serve no useful purpose.

Israel intends to match Arab missiles

(Continued from page 1) could not happen until all sides came to the negotiating table.

"The answer to all those dangers of missiles does not lie in the technological domain, but in the political domain. I believe that the time has come in the Middle East to look for political answers to technological dangers," he said.

A Jericho was test-fired from the Negev desert in May and flew nearly 960 kilometres, the sources told the Observer.

Last month the Geneva-based Defence Review said the Jericho would soon be tested again at a

Work to begin on Aqaba bypass road

AQABA (Petra) — In the coming two months, work will begin on a road around Aqaba designed to drastically reduce the number of accidents, according to Bassam Qaqish, president of the Aqaba Region Authority (ARA).

He said that the road, which will bypass the city, will enable lorries hauling heavy loads to avoid the city while on their way to the port or out, thus reducing the number of road accidents which occur daily on the existing road.

The project, he said, also entails reorganising the entries to the port city, which will require the removal of garages and workshops from their present positions, and subsequently, the banning of all trucks and heavy cars from entering the city.

The new road will also contribute to ARA's efforts to reduce the amount of pollution which results from the presence of huge numbers of lorries and cars in and around the city, Mr. Qaqish noted.

He said that the existing Wadi Al Yitrem-Aqaba road will be kept in good condition for use by small cars once the heavy lorries have been diverted to the ring road.

ARA has contributed to the project by providing expertise, and is now concluding preparations for the commencement of the scheme, according to Mr. Qaqish. The road will go behind the Agaba mountains on the eastern side of the city and will connect with the port directly, he added.

The Ministry of Public Works has recently awarded a local construction firm a JD 5,943 million tender to carry out the first phase of the road, which is 11 kilometres in length. The construction of rest of the road, extending for another 21 kilometres, will be awarded to another firm, Mr. Qaqish pointed out.

The first phase of the road will have four lanes with a divider and a separate junction, as well as a canal for draining away Wadi Tou.

Mr. Qaqish said that the present road leading to Aqaba witnesses many accidents, and is heavily congested with traffic.

This situation is further aggravated by the presence of garages and workshops on both sides of the road.

S. Arabia warns Iran

(Continued from page 1) Arabia because it is responsible for the service of the two Holy Mosques...

The Iranian regime violated the Islamic code of ethics when it undertook the task of fomenting trouble in the holy sanctuary, he said.

Delegates said the meeting decided not to recommend severing diplomatic ties with Tehran because of adamant opposition from Syria and other states with close ties with Iran.

The statement appeals to the Security Council to "adopt urgent measures necessary to guarantee observance of its resolution."

The Jordanian foreign minister, Mr. Taher Al Masri, described the meeting as characterised with positiveness and clarity with regard to the Gulf war and the Arab Gulf states.

Talking to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, after the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Masri said the next meeting of Arab foreign ministers was scheduled to be held on Sept. 20. The meeting will be crucial because by then, he said, all Arab states will have adopted firm stands with regard to the different subjects discussed in Tunis in the past three days.

He said that the ministers held side meetings and consultations about reaching a unified stand with regard to Iranian threats to the Arab Gulf countries, and also with regard to the war and relations between Iran and the Arab World.

At the next session, the Arab League will "examine ways of defining the nature of future Arab-Iranian relations in the light of Iran's position in the Iran-Iraq war and regarding its threats against the Gulf," the Tunis resolution said.

"But we hope in the near future that we can coexist as brothers and neighbours with the Iranians," he said. "We are not interested in any conflict with Iran, we are not at war with it, and they have not declared war on us. But we simply will not bow to their attempts to sow dissension among the pilgrims."

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Commander of the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) air force, Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Zayed Al Nahyan, is received by His Royal Highness Prince Ghazi Ibn Mohammad and the commander of the Jordanian Royal Air Force, Ihsan Shurdum, upon the UAE commander's arrival Tuesday in Amman (Petra photo)

UAE air force chief to tour military sites

AMMAN (Petra) — The commander of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) air force, Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Zayed Al Nahyan, arrived in Amman Tuesday for a visit expected to last several days.

Sheikh Mohammad will meet with a number of Jordanian officials and tour several military sites

in the Kingdom.

Upon his arrival in Amman, Sheikh Mohammad was greeted by His Royal Highness Prince Ghazi Ibn Mohammad, the commander of the Jordanian Royal Air Force and the UAE ambassador to Jordan, as well as senior Royal Jordanian Air Force officers.

Central banks' council endorses export financing

TUNIS (Petra) — The Council of Arab Central Bank Governors has endorsed a decision by the Arab Monetary Fund to augment its team of financial experts and to provide information about financial markets to Arab countries.

The council also decided to set up a system for financing Arab countries exports to boost trade. The council called on Arab states to exchange information about monetary policies.

Jordan was represented at the two-day meeting by Mr. Hussein Al Qasem, governor of the Central Bank of Jordan, and Dr. Adib Haddad, director of studies and research at the bank.

Arab air cargo group, airlines to discuss tariffs, air traffic

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Amman-based Arab Air Cargo Group (AACO) opened a meeting here Tuesday to discuss a host of subjects related to the new tariffs for air travel between the Middle East and Europe, and other relevant issues.

A spokesman for the Royal Jordanian said that 10 Arab airlines are taking part in the meeting which is expected to last several days.

The meeting is being conducted by a special AACO committee, which, in addition to tariffs, will discuss regulations related to air traffic, and the application of regulations made by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), especially with regard to matters related to the Gulf region, the spokesman said.

Mr. Adil Dajani of Jordan is director of the AACO, which has moved its offices from Beirut to Amman.

Information minister to attend conference in Tunis

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Mohammad Al Khatib left Amman for Tunis Tuesday to head Jordan's delegation to the Arab Information Ministers conference due to open in Tunis on Thursday.

The conference has been prepared by a special committee of Arab experts who have been meeting in Tunis for the past few days.

Also leaving Amman for the Tunis conference was Mr. Jawad Marqaq, director general of the Jordan Company for Television, Radio, and Cinema Production.

The meeting will be attended by committee members living in Jerusalem, will cover financial matters related to the restoration project, including refurbishing the dome of the Holy Rock, for which tenders had earlier been announced.

The restoration of the Al Aqsa Mosque includes building a new pulpit to replace the Saladdin Al Ayoubi pulpit which was destroyed in the Israel-perpetrated arson of 1968.

The Jordanian committee last year said it expects the cost of the project to be \$2 million and will take nearly three years. A higher committee, comprising Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, and Pakistan, was set up to supervise the work and to raise the necessary funds for the project.

The Jordanian government also held contacts with Arab and Islamic countries to launch cooperation for the reconstruction of the pulpit. These contacts resulted in assistance from a number of Islamic nations.

The project will involve at least 30 technicians with experience in wood carving needed for the pulpit.

Phosphate, fertiliser export figures rise over last year

AQABA (Petra) — Jordan exported more phosphate and fertiliser in the first half of 1987 than in the same period of 1986, according to a spokesman for the Jordanian Ports Corporation.

In the first half of 1987, a total of 300,709 tonnes of fertilisers were exported, compared with 276,598 tonnes in the same period last year, registering nearly nine per cent increase, he said.

Potash exportation via Aqaba in the past half-year amounted to 561,861 tonnes, he said.

According to the spokesman, the following countries imported the phosphate and fertilisers: Italy, Pakistan, Malaysia, India, Brazil, France, Japan, China, South Korea, Taiwan and Arab Gulf states.

Prince Nayef underscored his resolve "not to permit even as many as 100 persons to move in groups in the holy places in future. And he warned that security forces would open fire if the Iranians attempted to seize the Kaaba."

He disclosed that Iranian pilgrims staged smaller demonstrations in Medina, home of the grave of the Prophet Muhammad, "but these were contained without clashes."

Responding to a question, Prince Nayef said Saudi Arabia was not interested in having any Islamic or Arab power mediate a settlement with the Iranian regime.

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W. Bank students to get time to apply for study abroad

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Higher Education has issued regulations designed to provide facilities for students of the occupied Arab territories and more time for their enrollment in foreign universities.

Issa Qasir, director of a ministry department in charge of students abroad, said that students from the occupied West Bank will have extra time to apply for seats at foreign universities.

Students from the East Bank have until February to find places at foreign universities, those from the West Bank will have one whole year for that purpose, Mr. Qasir noted.

He said that there will be no need for West Bank students to cross into the East Bank to enquire about regulations and apply for universities, and that students' relatives will be allowed to do this for them.

The Ministry of Higher Education has authorised three offices in the West Bank towns of Jenin,

Hebron, and Ramallah to help facilitate procedures for students who refer to them with enquiries about studies abroad.

According to Mr. Qasir, students from the West Bank, like those from the East Bank, will not be prevented from travel abroad for higher studies, and the ministry will issue them permits to do so.

Earlier this month, the Ministry of Higher Education announced that only those students with an 85 per cent in their final tawjih grades can study medicine, those with 80 per cent can study engineering, and those with 65 per cent can study other subjects.

The ministry also announced that, though it will not stop stu-

dents from going abroad for higher studies, it is not committed to endorse their degrees by issuing equivalent degrees with Jordanian universities if their tawjih results do not meet the standards set by the ministry and by the Council of Higher Education.

Minister of Higher Education Nassereddine Al Assad defended his ministry's regulations and these new measures at a press gathering on Aug. 17, by saying that they were aimed at curbing the surplus of graduates in certain fields, and to direct students toward specialisations more relevant to the Kingdom's economic problems.

The decision exempts those who have already obtained acceptance from universities abroad based on this year's first semester grades, and those who obtained tawjih in previous years are currently serving their compulsory military service, and intend to apply for further education abroad.

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Aqaba to set up shopping centres

AQABA (Petra) — A Jordanian committee in charge of the restoration of Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock in Arab Jerusalem will meet in Amman Sept. 10 under the chairmanship of Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Mohammad Mheilan, who heads the committee.

The meeting, which will be attended by committee members

living in Jerusalem, will

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Oil and the freedom of navigation in Gulf

RECENT reports indicate that markets are glutted with oil and that prices are falling sharply below OPEC's benchmark price of \$18 a barrel.

Observers seem to be certain that overproduction by OPEC is the main reason behind the current glut which must have started when the oil companies, following the July 31 Mecca riots, began bidding high prices (\$21 a barrel) for Mideast oil, in fear of increased tension in the Gulf.

The oil-producing countries in the region, eager to avoid curtailing exports, and seeking to boost income on higher prices, started to exceed assigned quotas, anticipating interruptions of oil flow in the near future. But despite the mounting tension, those interruptions never occurred, leaving the market glutted, thus forcing lower prices.

OPEC won major credit when it successfully managed to restrain oil output and increase prices to \$18 a barrel. Yet OPEC's success in achieving market stability over the last few months was indirectly undermined by Iran's intransigence over production quotas, and the escalation of hostilities with neighbouring Arab countries and the international community.

It is high time that decisive action be taken by the United Nations and the superpowers to insure safety of navigation in the Gulf. In addition, they must stop Iran from escalating tension in the area, because the major threat to the world lies in the interruption of oil flow, which would cause an international energy crisis. Moreover, the OPEC countries should remember well the discord they experienced in 1985, which resulted in the plummeting of oil prices to less than \$10 a barrel.

Analysts have predicted that the coming year will witness the beginning of an upturn in the economies of the Gulf region based on higher oil prices. But if OPEC is overproducing, and discord is surfacing, the region should expect deeper recession in the years to come.

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Al Ra'i: Jordan's unique status

THE Dag Hammarskjold Academy has awarded its 1987 peace prize to His Majesty King Hussein in recognition of his efforts towards achieving world peace. Honouring the King means honouring Jordan as a whole and is an expression of the academy's support for the Kingdom's leadership's efforts to end conflicts and reach peaceful settlements. Thanks to the King and his wise leadership, Jordan has acquired a unique position among world nations despite its limited and meagre resources and despite the challenges and the numerous odds. Jordan, under the leadership of King Hussein, has been relying on its own people for building a dynamic society, well-equipped with knowledge and determined to forge ahead with more determination. Choosing King Hussein to receive the academy's 1987 peace award also reflects support for Jordan which seeks to establish right and justice instead of injustice and force and also stability and peace instead of tension and destruction. The academy's decision to award the King the prize is a show of support for this country's endeavours to arrive at a peaceful settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict and backing our stand and our drive to have U.N. resolutions implemented to reach peace. This is in clear contrast to Israel's stand which is oriented towards expansionism, occupation and the imposition of the de facto situation in total disregard to international principles and laws. The peace award underlines the fact that the Arabs are peace-seekers opposed to aggression.

Al Dustour: Iran should be isolated

AS Arab foreign ministers continue their meeting in Tunis observers regard the Saudi Arabian proposal of severing ties with Iran as one of the most viable measures and practical steps to be taken at the moment. Such a step in fact could reflect the unified stand of the Arab Nation, and paving the way for joint action in the face of Iran's expansionist designs in the Gulf region. The Iranians have not been satisfied with issuing threats to Arab countries and trying to provoke them in different ways. They have also been intent on causing damage to Arab interests. Therefore it would not be reasonable for the Arabs to maintain good relations with Iran and the Saudi Arabian proposal seems to be one of the most effective measures to be taken at the moment. Some of the Arab countries have regrettably been showing indifference as to Iran's aggression on Iraq and its provocations in the Gulf, and this has encouraged the aggressors to pursue their ambitions and their plans. The attitude of some Arab states has indeed hardened Iran's position and made it reject all peace bids and peace plans. Arab response to Saudi Arabia's proposal will no doubt reflect a unanimous voice by the Arab Nation and will deal a severe diplomatic defeat to the Iranians. The Arab League foreign ministers should take prompt measures in the face of Iran's campaigns and provocative measures against our Arab Nation.

Sawt Al Shaab: Crucial task in Tunis

ARAB foreign ministers continue their meetings in Tunis against a background of turmoil, tension and conflict in the Gulf region. These ministers, who have met primarily to find a way for ending the Gulf conflict and bringing peace to the Arab region, realise the seriousness of the situation and the enormous task awaiting them. The ministers are tackling issues of destiny as their nation continues to confront danger and a gloomy future for the Arab Nation, if they do not take speedy measures to avoid the threat. Perhaps the Arab ministers will succeed in finding the proper means for ending differences among their capitals to pave the way for an effective solution for the problems that had been plaguing their nation and also for settling the Gulf conflict that has cost them dearly. The Arab masses are filled with bitterness over what is happening in the Gulf, and they are appalled at the prospects of a major conflagration in their region. The more efforts the ministers can exert towards achieving a settlement for the Gulf war the more the way will be paved for the Arabs to arrive at a unified stand that can guarantee a happy solution for all parties. Perhaps amidst the bloodshed and the sound of war and the scenes of destruction, the ministers can find a solution and safeguard their nation's interests and future.

Reagan mystique fading in twilight of presidency

By Gene Gibbons
Reuters

SANTA BARBARA — As Ronald Reagan begins the last phase of his presidency, he appears to have lost the political salesmanship skills that earned him the alias "great communicator."

"Nobody wants to admit it but we've got a caretaker situation," a former administration official said.

Reagan, whose youthful looks had belied his 76 years and status as the oldest president in U.S. history, has aged visibly in recent months. He is greyer and more wrinkled.

Although there has been no recurrence of the colon cancer for which he underwent major surgery in 1985, Reagan has been treated for an array of minor health problems including prostate trouble common among older men and a non-deadly form of skin cancer.

In addition, he has had to deal with a series of emotional blows, including the deaths of close friends CIA Director William Casey and Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, and the indictment of two former aides — Lyn Nofziger and Michael Deaver — on influence-peddling charges.

Public officials and independent analysts say all this, combined with the loss of public trust from the Iran-contra scandal, is likely to keep Reagan from working the kind of political magic he had mastered earlier in his presidency.

The easy days of governing are over for Ronald Reagan, in his last 17 months of office, wrote Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen.

"Congress is controlled by Democrats, and the people, still affectionate towards this decent man, increasingly find him irrelevant."

Erosion of Reagan's political mystique was reflected in a Los Angeles Times poll published a few days after Reagan arrived in his home state of California for summer vacation.

Four-fifths of those interviewed said they did not pay much attention to Reagan's Aug. 19 speech in which he sought to reassert his leadership in the aftermath of congressional hearings on the Iran affair.

Fifty-seven per cent said the president's ability to lead had been diminished by the secret U.S. arms sales to Iran and diversion of profits to Nicaraguan contras and 51 per cent said they did not believe Reagan's version of four per cent.

The former White House official quoted earlier said the poll's findings were foreshadowed by Reagan's failure to rally public support for an "economic bill of rights," a package of budget reforms unveiled with fanfare earlier this summer.

"The whole world was focusing

Crucial referendum may tip political balance in Turkey

By Emel Anil
The Associated Press

ANKARA — Turkey's voters go to the polls Sept. 6 to decide a referendum that some say could lead to political instability and others hope will fulfill their dreams of democracy.

The electorate appears divided over the proposal to restore full rights to 133 former politicians banned from politics until 1992 by a clause in the 1982 constitution, which was brokered by the military.

Among those prevented from heading or joining political parties or running for elective office are two former prime ministers, Bulent Ecevit and Suleyman Demirel.

The ban has not prevented Demirel and Ecevit from managing political parties behind the scenes or actively campaigning for their political rights. Demirel is associated with the True Path party and Ecevit with the leftist Democratic Left Party, which is headed by his wife, Rahsan.

Prevented from addressing the nation through the state-run television, they have been touring the country for the past few weeks to drum up support for the lifting of the bans, both drawing huge crowds.

According to a poll published Sunday by Istanbul's daily *Miliyet*, 45 per cent of the respondents said they would vote against the restoration of political rights and 39 per cent said they would vote for lifting the bans. The rest were undecided or planned not to vote.

A poll published Monday by another Istanbul daily, the independent *Hurriyet*, showed the opposite — 43.5 per cent of those surveyed favoured restoring political rights and 36.6 per cent opposed it.

Moscow strengthens ties with Tehran

While the U.S. fleet convoys reflagged oil tankers through the strife-torn Gulf, the Soviet Union is moving to improve its relations with Iran, writes our Moscow correspondent.

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union and Iran have agreed to co-operate on large-scale economic projects in an attempt by Moscow to improve its position as a potential mediator in the Gulf war and strengthen its standing in the region.

With attention focused on the tense situation in the Gulf, announcement of the agreement raised concern in the West that the move could have major strategic significance.

But well-informed sources in Moscow say the move towards improved Soviet-Iranian economic co-operation appears to be only an agreement in principle at this stage, with no evidence of a signed accord for major industrial or oil related projects.

The agreement was announced in broad terms by the official TASS news agency after a recent visit to Tehran by Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov.

In the absence of detail, speculation focused on the possibility of a resumption of Iranian gas deliveries to the Soviet Union. But a Soviet spokesman said that this was still under discussion, along with possible rail links between Iran and Soviet Central Asia.

Other possible projects mentioned in Moscow include conversion of Iran's gas pipeline to the Soviet Union for oil deliveries, transit facilities to link Iran's Caspian Sea ports with the Black Sea, joint Caspian oil prospecting and Soviet co-operation in Iranian steel milling, power and dam-building projects.

The granting of transit facilities for Iran to the Black Sea also remains in doubt. Moscow cited security grounds in rejecting a 1980 request from Tehran for access to the Black Sea through



its river and canal network. Such facilities would allow Tehran to circumvent the Gulf, however, and could be of future strategic interest for the Soviet Union.

With Washington embroiled in the Iran arms sales scandal and with mounting domestic opposition to U.S. military protection of Kuwaiti oil shipping in the Gulf, Moscow and Tehran have also been edging closer on the diplomatic front.

Tehran, which shares Moscow's interest in diminishing the U.S. military presence in the Gulf, endorsed a Soviet call for the removal of all foreign warships from the area.

In seeking to improve their relationship, both sides stand to gain through long-term economic co-operation.

For Moscow, greater confi-

American presidential hopefuls gear up for 'super Tuesday' seven months ahead

By Alexander G. Higgins
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Tuesday night nearly seven months from now is shaping up as the centerpiece of the early 1988 presidential campaign.

March 8 will be "super Tuesday," the day Republican and Democratic Party organizations in a record number of states vote simultaneously on who their party's candidates will be.

The grouping of so many primary events early in the year is expected to speed each party's decision on the two presidential nominees who will compete in the Nov. 8 general election.

The field is still open, and some hopefuls are campaigning even though they have yet to "declare" themselves candidates.

The Democrats include Senators Paul Simon, Joseph Biden and Albert Gore, Congressman Richard Gephardt, Massachusetts State Governor Michael Dukakis, former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson. They have been dubbed the "seven dwarfs" because of their small stature in national popularity.

Among possible Democratic candidates who have yet to declare are congresswoman Patricia Schroeder, Senator Sam Nunn and Ohio Governor Richard Celeste.

Republican hopefuls include Vice President George Bush, Senate minority leader Robert Dole, and Congressman Jack Kemp, who have been leading in public opinion surveys. Among other prospects are Evangelist

Pat Robertson, former Delaware Gov. Pierre S. Du Pont, former Secretary of State Alexander Haig and former Senator Paul Laxalt.

Because most of the states holding primaries on super Tuesdays are in the conservative south, political analysts think it will improve the chances of the more conservative candidates — right-wing Republicans and centrist Democrats.

In recent years the Republicans and Democrats have been revising the way they choose their nominees for president to make the process as Democratic as possible while still appealing to the largest number of voters.

The parties in each of the 50 states devise their own methods for choosing delegates to the national nominating conventions, when each party's candidate will be selected. The Democrats will meet in Atlanta July 18-21 and the Republicans in New Orleans on Aug. 15-18.

The usual pattern is that each state party holds a primary election so that rank-and-file voters can indicate their preference among a field of candidates. The state party then sends delegates to the national convention, committed to voting for the candidate that won the state primary.

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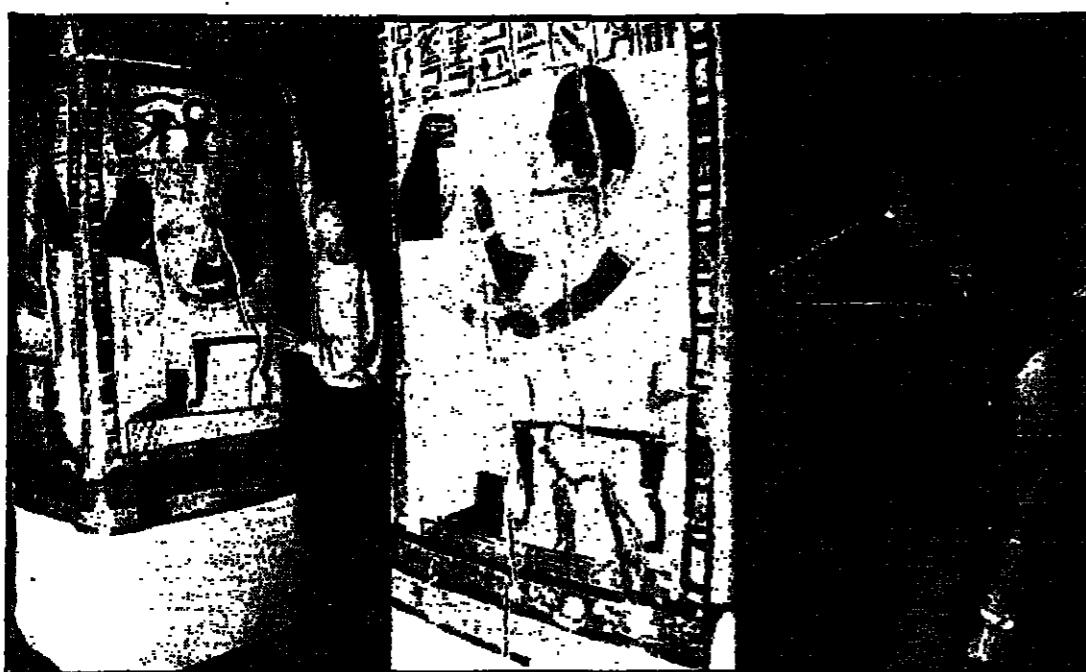
These state events are strung out from January through June, but this more states have been scheduling their primaries and caucuses earlier.

The development of super Tuesdays reflects the desire of southerners, particularly Democrats, to create a regional primary to give them greater influence in selecting the nominees.

Southern Democrats want to counterbalance what they see as the influence of northern liberals, organised labour and left-of-centre "special interest" groups that had resulted in the party's nominating presidential candidates like Walter Mondale in 1984 whom they regard unacceptable to the southern voters — and to mainstream Americans.

The Democratic Party, liberal or left of centre in most parts of the country, is much more conservative in the south, which were the slave-holding states in the confederacy of the civil war.

For years the Democrats were the overwhelmingly dominant party in the region, but they have been losing strength in recent years to the Republicans, who have won all but one of the presidential elections since 1964.



A replica of the 3,500-year-old burial chamber of the mayor of Thebes is on show in Hildesheim, West Germany, as part of the Romer- und Pelizaeus

Museum's exhibition entitled Egypt's Rise to World Power (Photo: Dad/DPA)

Pharaoh's face is 'pieced together'

By Stephanie Hauer

HILDESHEIM (DAD) — "Egypt's Rise to World Power — Archaeological Treasures of the Early New Kingdom," an exhibition at the Romer- and Pelizaeus Museum in Hildesheim, is a magic moment in the study of classical antiquity. It features fragments of defaced statues of two pharaohs pieced together for the first time and reassembled from sections normally housed in different museums — and different countries.

The face of the light stone bust of Pharaoh Thutmose III was only found in 1963 — by a team of Polish archaeologists. The bust had been found 50 years earlier by American archaeologists. It was faceless, the face having been severed by a single blow, presumably by Coptic monks who sought refuge in the burial chambers in the early Christian era and were determined to break the magic spell of the heather bust.



Jolting through a cloud of dust, a jackhammer's shattering staccato bangs at the ears and nerves of passers-by on a street in Washington, D.C. Sound levels in urban areas have been doubling every 10 years, exposing millions of people increasingly

damaging noises. Hearing impairment claims show a sharp upswing across the U.S. Hypertension and physiological disorders are often laid to excessive and painful noise (National Geographic photo)

Earsplitting noises harm more than ears

By Donald J. Frederick
National Geographic

WASHINGTON — Silence may be golden, but mounting levels of noise pollution are making it harder and harder to find this golden treasure.

Some statistics show that environmental noise in urban areas has been doubling every 10 years. Nor are things much better in the country, where the decibel level of many farm machines has been rising higher than corn.

About nine million Americans are exposed to hazardous sound levels on the job, according to a report prepared for the Environmental Protection Agency. Millions more encounter damaging noises while walking city streets, fighting rush hours, or enduring noises from low-flying aircraft.

Billions in claims

The consequences have been costly. State and federal employees collected an estimated \$2.5 billion in hearing-impaired claims in the past 10 years. Statistics for the private sector are not available.

In Westernised countries, men lose their hearing more than women do, but the reason may not be biological. It could result from exposure to more noise in the workplace.

"At one time, people speculated that loss of hearing was just part of the aging process," says Dr. Roger Hamernik, director of the Auditory Research Laboratory at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh. "But now we're finding that many factory workers and others who have laboured in noisy environments for a number of years end up with severe hearing problems."

In Hamernik's opinion, the ear developed as an organ necessary

for survival, since survival sometimes depended upon the ability to detect such noises as the stealthy approach of a predator. "But," observes Hamernik, "while the ear has evolved into an exquisitely sensitive instrument, it was not designed for the types of contemporary noise environments to which it is being exposed."

Noise also has been linked to brain disorders. "Our studies indicate that intense noise exposure for lengthy periods of time can alter cells in the brain stem, causing distortions in the way people hear things," says Dr. Richard J. Salvi of the Callier Centre for Communication Disorders at the University of Texas.

Barely audible sounds or conversations suddenly become uncomfortably loud for people afflicted with the disorder.

Infants vulnerable

Newborns seem particularly susceptible to inner-ear damage from loud noises, and may suffer loss of brain cells as a result, according to research by Dr. Edwin W. Rubel, professor of otolaryngology at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

"We haven't figured out why newborns are so vulnerable, but we think the noise risk heightens for at least the first few months of a baby's life," says Rubel.

He advises parents to avoid exposing their newborns to continuous loud low-frequency sounds as those emitted by unshielded jet engines or chain saws. "Certainly anything extremely annoying or painful to an adult wouldn't be advisable for a newborn child," Rubel says.

Researchers in Sweden have cautioned that noisy toys also may harm hearing. A University of Goteborg study found that

Rock stars stage charity for Lebanese, Palestinian orphans

IN A unique gesture of goodwill toward Arab children, British rock stars The Cure recently staged a special benefit concert in New York City to raise money for Lebanese, Palestinian and American orphans.

The Cure appeared at the Ritz on Tuesday, August 11, before a capacity crowd of 1,800 fans. Tickets priced at \$22.50 sold out within one hour of an announcement on a local radio station.

The concert was the last show

of the group's sold-out tour of the U.S. and marked the fulfillment of the final part of a comprehensive agreement reached at a meeting last December between the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), the largest entertainment conglomerate in the U.S. (Warner Communications), and British rock superstars The Cure concerning their recording entitled "Killing An Arab." At that meeting, Cure manager Chris Parry, speaking for lead singer Robert Smith, offered to stage a concert for orphans in America and in the Middle East. It was proposed that half of the net proceeds would be given to U.S. charity with the other half being equally divided

between a Palestinian and Lebanese orphanage.

ADC Director of Public Relations Faris Bouhafa attended the concert last Tuesday to accept two checks for \$8,679.00 each on behalf of the Society of In'ash Al Usa (Al Bireh, West Bank) and Zahrat Al Ihsan (Beirut). Father Kevin Sullivan accepted the American portion of the funds on behalf of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

Last week's concert was the final chapter of a controversy that

was the focus of international attention when the largest organization of Arab-Americans in the U.S. (Warner Communications), and British rock superstars The Cure successfully hammered out a unique agreement concerning the distribution of the song "Killing An Arab."

At a packed press conference in New York last January, The Cure issued a statement deplored the misuse and misinterpretation of their song which, in fact, was inspired by Albert Camus'

existentialist novel "The Stranger" and was meant as a statement against the senseless killing of an Arab by the novel's protagonist Meursault.

In a terse two-page release Robert Smith, composer of "Killing An Arab," stated that his recording "is being used increasingly by certain reactionary factions of the media, most notably by some particularly brazen and irresponsible DJ's, as part of a wave of anti-Arab feeling currently existing in some parts of America."

He went on to say that he was "shocked and dismayed that this song has been so insensitively and sensationally abused but...even more shocked and dismayed that it should have caused any hurt to any of the Arab people anywhere in the world."

Following negotiations, Robert Smith took the unprecedented step of requesting that 800 radio stations in the U.S. no longer play "Killing An Arab" and that Elektra Records, a subsidiary of Warner Communications, place a sticker on the front of hundreds

of thousands of Cure albums, audio-cassettes and compact disks with the following message:

"The song Killing An Arab has absolutely no racist overtones whatsoever. It is a song which decries the existence of all prejudice and consequent violence. The Cure condemns its use in furthering anti-Arab feelings."

With The Cure poised for major international stardom, it is likely that the above message will be conveyed to millions of record buyers for years to come.

In a letter accompanying the checks to representatives of both Middle East charities Bouhafa applauded the successful conclusion of this most unique example of conflict resolution stating that:

"We as an organization are very proud of the agreement that we reached with The Cure. We were particularly impressed by their sensitivity and genuine sense of outrage at the manner in which a song of theirs was misinterpreted and misused by those who seek to further inflame anti-Arab sentiment."

As a result of our accord with The Cure, many millions of young Americans will be exposed to the simple, but powerful message that racism against Arabs is wrong.

He further stated that, "It is to the band's credit that they offered to raise money for Lebanese and Palestinian orphans. To my knowledge, no major American or British musical group has ever done such a thing for Arab children and I hope that this will not be the last time that we can arrange such an event."

Echoing his sentiments last January, ADC President Abdeen Jabara stated that "the good faith cooperation of all the concerned parties led to what must be viewed as an outstanding agreement with long range educational benefits and very meaningful short-term financial benefits to orphan children in Palestine and Lebanon. Arab-Americans and our brothers and sisters throughout the Middle East should be proud of this agreement."

ADC Press Release.

Peking squirms under population pressure

Chinese population programmes are being knocked off target by economic and social pressures. Colina MacDougall reports.

PEKING — China is alarmed at its soaring population, which if unchecked could approach two billion by the year 2050.

Despite success with the "one child family" policy, another 14 million mouths were added to the total last year, bringing it to 1.06 billion. A further 15.9 million are expected in 1987. If continued for long, this rate of increase could throw out all Peking's calculations for improving living standards.

The current population target

is 1.2 billion by the year 2000, with the figure settling at around 1.4 billion in the 2030s or 2040s, but this looks increasingly unattainable.

Chinese records show that 40 per cent of women in the countryside had three or more children in the past few years, the China Daily recently reported. In 1986, second births reached 6.9 million and third births 2.9 million. This upsurge is a major factor in the sudden overall rise.

Another factor is the number of women born in the baby boom of the 1960s now reaching child-bearing age. Peking has always been aware that this would pose a problem, but the upward trend is aggravated by new pressures for

bigger families. These are generated by the rural reform policies which mean that larger households earn more money.

China's most populous province, Sichuan, expressed concern earlier this year about its population growth. This was put down to the new peak in women reaching child-bearing age; plus a big increase in early marriages; a wider spread of couples permitted to have a second child; and unplanned births slipping past officials.

Jiang Minkuan, the governor of the province, promised much closer checks, stricter examinations and more serious application of the rewards and penalties system. But these are not easy to carry out.

Peking concedes that the more remote the area, the harder it is to control births. This is serious since the fringe regions of China take the biggest subsidies. Qinghai, a vast province of mountain and desert with a still tiny population, has shot up — in Guangdong province last year, for instance, third (or later) children totalled nearly 500,000.

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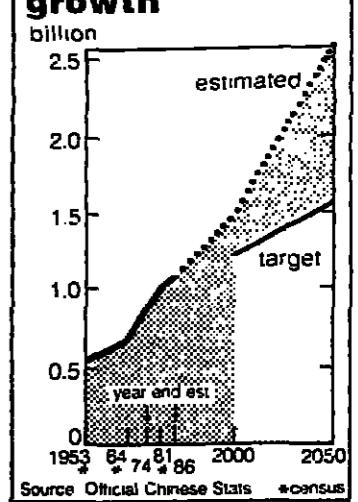
of grain annually, the China Daily has calculated. With gains in agriculture now more difficult to achieve as the boost from the 1979 reforms tails off, China will have problems achieving that without shifting resources from other sectors.

China's family planning programme has come under international scrutiny. Girls are perceived to be weaker workers and under the traditional system left their parents' families for good on marriage and so provided no support in old age. Consequently, when the first child was a girl, there was strong pressure to keep trying for a boy. Where officials resisted, there were outbreaks of female infanticide.

"China has always opposed forced abortion," he said. Voluntary abortion remains a major means of population control, with one for every 1.7 births. Intrauterine devices and tubal ligation are the other common preventative measures.

To ascertain trends, Peking held a sample census on July 1 involving 10 million people dotted throughout China. Since the national census in 1982, there have been big changes in population distribution. For instance, around one million people have moved to work in Peking. Education

Chinese population growth



tional and socio-economic status is also thought to have changed.

Premier Zhao Ziyang, speaking on Chinese TV recently to mark the U.N.'s "Five Billion Day" when the world's population was expected to hit that figure, expressed confidence in Peking's family planning programme. The country would keep to its target of 1.2 billion people at the end of the century if it stuck to its policies, he said. But social and economic pressures make it increasingly unlikely that it will be able to do so — Financial Times news feature.

Two years ago Peking agreed to some relaxation of the one child policy and nine out of China's 29 provinces now allow couples with a girl to try again. The non-Chinese minorities, whose populations are relatively small, have always been permitted some leeway. As a result, numbers have shot up — in Guangdong province last year, for instance, third (or later) children totalled nearly 500,000.

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Joslyn said part of the cost of the expedition will be recovered by the sale of film and television rights. More revenue will be generated by selling tickets to a world tour of the artifacts that will begin next year.

The expedition so far has cost about \$2.5 million. Additional costs for conserving and restoring the objects, and producing an exhibit could bring the total price tag to \$10 million, Joslyn said.

The French daily Liberation said on Aug. 25 that the hoard of valuables brought up from the Titanic included gold coins, watches and signet rings.

Liberation said it heard of the valuables from a salvage team member on shore leave in the French territory of Saint Pierre and Miquelon, off the Newfoundland coast.

Plans are unfolding for future of Titanic artifacts

By Sydney Rubin
The Associated Press

PARIS — Titanic treasures being snatched from the murky ocean depths will tour the world, appear on television and be kept together in a collection for posterity, expedition organisers said.

For the first time since the Titanic expedition began July 21, the French coordinators revealed this week some of their plans for recouping the multimillion-dollar cost of the high-tech salvage operation.

The expedition has been harshly criticised by people who want the Titanic left inviolate as a memorial to the 1,513 people who drowned when the ocean liner hit an iceberg and sank on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York on April 15, 1912.

Expedition spokesman Robert Chappaz, chairman of the French marine company Taurus International, said the project has been unfairly portrayed as a European plundering of an American-British grave.

"All the financing is coming from North America," Chappaz said.

said. "The people involved have decided that as long as the expedition is at sea, they don't want to make a big show."

The only European investor is Swiss millionaire Carlos Piaget, who lives in New York. Piaget coordinated the fundraising for the group of about 20 people registered in Britain as Ocean Research and Exploration Ltd., Chappaz said.

Other details would be revealed at a news conference Tuesday in New York, where some photos were to be released, he said.

"I feel pretty sure that the public of the United States will support this mission once we have adequately informed them," Chappaz said.

He repeated the expedition's promise that none of the artifacts would be sold.

"Presently in the United States, we are discussing with lawyers establishing a trust which will control all the artifacts and make sure they remain together," he said, adding that consideration is being given to setting up one or more special museums to display Titanic objects.

Among the pieces scooped up by divers working the site 483 kilometres southwest of Newfoundland are 160 pieces of hardware, four bottles, a purser's strongbox, seven pieces of furniture, a propeller, a chandelier and a bronze cherub that once held a light on one of the Titanic's grand staircases.

Salvage is being done by the high-tech minisubmarine Nautilus, owned by the French Institute for Research and Exploitation of the Sea. The institute was a partner with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in the 1985 expedition that discovered the Titanic.

The Nautilus is one of the few submarines capable of diving deep enough to reach the wreck, partially buried in mud 4 kilometres below the surface. The three-man sub can pick up artifacts with powerful pincers or use gentle suction to attach breakable objects to its arms.

Robot arms place the objects in special crates that are floated from the seabottom to within a few metres of the surface, so the waves don't disturb the contents.

The crates are hauled on deck and inspected before being stored in the sea to protect the objects from possible damage from temperature and air.

On Sept. 10, when the salvaging ends, the pieces will be taken to a special conservation lab in Paris run by the national utility Electricity de France.

By far the most spectacular find occurred two weeks ago in a routine search of the stern area of the four-kilometre debris field when divers found a leather valise containing jewels, coins and bank notes.

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Kuwait, Japan and Korea move into Asian men's handball finals

By Nermene Murad and Rania Atalla
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — South Korea on Tuesday gained a berth in the 4th men's Asian handball finals after scoring an easy victory over China with a final score of 38:20. Kuwait and Japan also moved into the finals after knocking out Bahrain and Qatar respectively.

The South Korean team displayed a strong attack from the outset of the match scoring two goals in the span of the first minute.

Both teams used a 3:2:1 defense formation with a 3:3 on the offensive, but Korea moved swifter, using tricky passes that indicated strong coordination among its players.

In another semifinal qualifier,



The Kuwaiti team striker attempts a shot into the goal as the Bahraini goalie bids to fend off the ball during a match played Tuesday within the 4th Men's Asian Handball Championships. Kuwait outscored Bahrain 39:18 (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Taha (5) for outside shots but failed to penetrate Kuwait's strong defence.

Though the Bahraini right wing could have been a crucial element to secure an advantage for his team, the Kuwaitis managed to suppress his manoeuvring capabilities.

In the women's semi-finals earlier on Tuesday, South Korea staged a good performance and proceeded to beat Syria 37:6. The South Korean team, as expected, displayed high level skills, making effective use of their wing players.

While the Syrian team relied on two of its valuable players, floater Mayyada Nammo and playmaker Mona Kalass, they were unable to match South



Syria's goalie puts hand up in a bid to fend off a shot by South Korea's striker in a match played Tuesday within the First Asian Women's Championships. South Korea's team trounced the Syrians 37:6 (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

World indoor cycling record beaten 7 times

VIENNA (R) — A world indoor record which has stood for more than a quarter of a century was beaten seven times on the opening day of the World Cycling Championships Tuesday.

The drama came in the qualifiers for the men's professional sprint over 200 metres where the old record of 10.99 seconds had stood since December 1961.

But on the lightning fast track here with its steep cambers, experts had been predicting records all week and they were not disappointed.

Japan's Hitoshi Sato clocked 10.970 seconds but at the end of the session it was Claudio Golinelli of Italy who had the best time of 10.587.

The old record, set by Czechoslovakia's Oskar Plattner, has

stood so long because the distance is not contested very often by professionals and rarely on such a fast surface.

The record was a bright start to the six days of track competition, which began with qualifiers for the men's amateur sprint over 200 metres.

Defending champion Michael Huebner of East Germany set a swift 10.329 seconds but failed to match compatriot and three times former champion Lutz Hesslich, who led the way with 10.232.

Commonwealth sprint champion Gary Neiwand of Australia surprised even himself by finishing fifth fastest.

Neiwand spent six months recovering from a particularly severe bout of glandular fever earlier this year and returned to

training only a month ago.

Then after just three days he collided with a car while practicing and finished up in hospital.

The injury was not serious, but having missed so much training the Australian had set his sights on next year's Olympics rather than the world championships and so was delighted with his time of 10.494 on Tuesday.

In qualifiers for the women's sprint over 200 metres, defending champion Christa Rothenburger of East Germany recorded only the eighth best time of 12.030 seconds and has something to find on France's Isabella Gautheron, fastest in 11.572 and last year's silver medalist Erika Salumiale of the Soviet Union, second best in 11.638.

Joyner-Kersee bids for double gold in Rome

INDIANAPOLIS (R) — An exhausting seven events in two days at the World Athletics Championships starting in Rome this week will not extinguish the competitive fire inside heptathlon world record holder Jackie Joyner-Kersee.

With just one day's rest after the gruelling heptathlon, Joyner-Kersee will also go for gold in the long jump, challenging another versatile woman athlete, East German Heike Drechsler.

"The adrenalin should still be there," Joyner-Kersee promised.

The confrontation with Drechsler will be their first since Joyner-Kersee, on a splendid last jump at the Pan American

Games, equalled the East German's year-old world record of 7.45 metres. The jump improved by 20 cms Joyner-Kersee's previous best.

But Joyner-Kersee said the leap was not an attempt to send a message to her Eastern European competitors.

"If I know in my heart I'm ready to go, I don't care what the rest of the world might think," she said.

The magnificent jump literally floored her husband-coach, who fell to the ground and wept for several minutes.

"I'll never doubt her ability," said Bob Kersee, who had wanted his wife to skip the Pan

American Games to rest for the world championships.

The Long Beach, California, couple already have a target score beyond her world record of 7,158 points in mind for the Rome heptathlon — a number provided by a speeding taxi during a winter trip to New York.

"The taxi had a licence plate that ended in 7230, said Joyner-

Kersee.

"When I saw it, I didn't say anything, but Bobby did. 'You know what that means,'" he said.

But breaking the world record is only the third of my goals for the championships," Joyner-Kersee said. "The first is to win. The second is to hit my targets for the meet."

"If the world record is there, I'll go for it."

Bayern, Monaco fall prey to 'giantkillers'

LONDON (R) — Lowly F.C. Homburg and humble Niort have revelled in the newly-acquired glory of giantkillers after upsetting two of the mightiest teams in West German and French soccer — Bayern Munich and Monaco.

In a high-scoring weekend throughout Europe, Homburg's 3-2 shock win ended an unbeaten run of 10 months for West German League champions Bayern.

The Bavarians, under new trainer Jupp Heynckes, looked tired and allowed 14th-placed Homburg's Wolfgang Schaefer through their defence to score twice in the space of 11 minutes in the second half.

Cologne had a more successful day Monday, seeing the first fruit of their \$1.6 million outlay to buy back Pierre Littbarski from Racing Club Paris.

Monaco held on to the lead in France despite an unexpected 3-1 defeat on their home ground by Niort, 11th in the First Division.

The ghost of Ruud Gullit — now with A.C. Milan — was laid to rest at PSV Eindhoven who trounced Utrecht 9-0 to knock Ajax from the top of the Dutch League standings.

Gullit, who became soccer's second most expensive player — behind Diego Maradona — when he moved to Italy for \$8.5 million earlier this year, was hardly missed.

"HAT SALUTE VS. SWORD BRANDISHING": West German ace Matthias Gey in one of his bouts at the 1987 world fencing championships. The West German fencers received a "blood of medals" in the event (INP photo).

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Graf pulls out of Jersey Classic

MAHWAH, New Jersey (R) — Steffi Graf, the world's number one ranked women's tennis player, has pulled out from the \$150,000 United Jersey Bank Classic, following her third dental visit in six days. Graf, who has lost only one match in 1987, withdrew after root canal surgery on Monday. The 18-year-old West German star had hoped to postpone the dental visit with an oral surgeon when she returns to her home in Bruehl after the next week's U.S. Open. "The pain was too intense and she could not even practice without pain," said her spokesman.

12 states compete in volleyball event

BAHRAIN (R) — Twelve countries, including title holders the Soviet Union and favourites South Korea and Cuba, played Tuesday in the semi-finals of the Fourth Junior Men's Volleyball Championships. Sixteen teams, divided in four groups, ended qualifying games on Monday night and organisers said 12 would compete in the semi-final round-robin. In men's championships only eight teams go to the semi-finals, "but in the junior's we want to give the young men more experience through extra exposure and matches," Zoher Ammar, the competition's technical coordinator, said.

Strong winds hold up rowing events

COPENHAGEN (R) — Strong winds gusting down the Lake Bagsværd course forced organisers to postpone Tuesday's heats at the World Rowing Championships. With winds blowing at between eight and 12 metres per second, it was impossible to start the heats at 0700 GMT as scheduled. Race officials later decided to try to start the heats at 1500 GMT. They plan to hold races at five minute intervals so that all scheduled events will be completed. That would mean two races on the 20,000-metre course at any given time as most events take from six to eight minutes to finish.

Yachting-Star race resumed

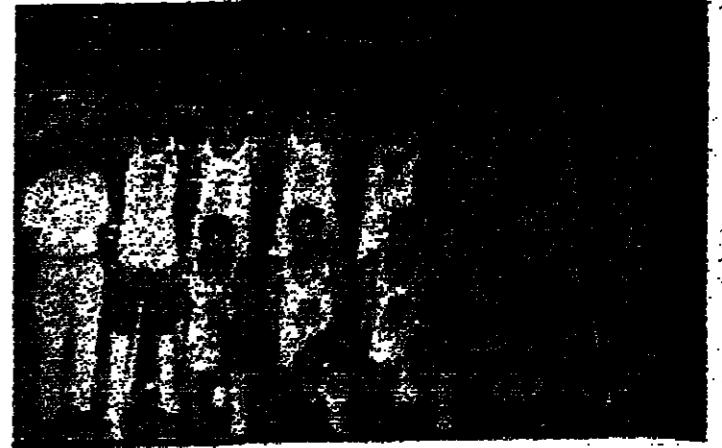
CHICAGO (AP) — Racing was scheduled to resume Tuesday after a lack of wind forced officials to postpone the second race in the International Star Class Yacht Championships, a spokeswoman said. Monday's scheduled race, the second of six in the six-day event, would probably be run Tuesday along with the third race, said Jane Crowley, spokeswoman for the host Chicago Yacht Club.

Australia, West Germany meet in hockey

SYDNEY (R) — World hockey champions Australia will play host to West Germany, winners of the recent Champions Trophy in Amsterdam, in a five-test series in October and November. The Australian Hockey Association (AHA) said Tuesday the tests will take place in Sydney on October 24, Canberra on October 25, Hobart on October 28, Melbourne on October 31 and Perth on November 1.



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The Jordan national team

7th Arab basketball games kick off today

CAIRO (J.T.) — The Jordan national basketball team is scheduled to play against the Palestine national team on Wednesday at the start of the 7th Arab Basketball Championships which opened in Cairo on Tuesday.

The Jordanian team which was placed at the head of group "B" will play against Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) included in the same group.

Egyptian Television was expected to televise live a number of the important matches.

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The official, Sang-Ho Cho, arrived Monday night and was scheduled to hold talks with Iranian sports officials.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, gave no further details. But there was speculation the visit may be linked with Iran's

plans concerning next year's Olympic Games in South Korea.

Communist North Korea, which one of Iran's main arms suppliers in the nearly 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war, has threatened to boycott the games.

Because of the war, Iran avoids participating in any sports meetings where Iraq is also represented.

The South Korean minister might be sounding out Iranian officials on their stand should North Korea boycott the Olympics and if Iraq participates.

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Durie struggles to advance in Jersey Classic 1st round

Scheuer-Larsen of Denmark 6-1, 6-2.

"I'm working on a new serve with my coach Jose Higueras," said the 22-year-old Reggi, the 1985 Italian Open-champion.

"I figure that I was able to get to number 18 with my old serve and I hope that I can get much higher in the ranking as I learn to serve better."

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Australian cyclist sets world best mark in individual pursuit

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Australian Dean Woods Tuesday set a world record in qualifying heats for the amateurs' 4,000-metre individual pursuit race at the World Cycling Championships, beating reigning Soviet world champion Viacheslav Yekimov.

Woods was timed in 4 minutes and 27.11 seconds, while Yekimov clocked 4:27.65 and

Guintautas Umaras, another Soviet, was third best with a time of 4:28.54.

Italian Claudio Golinelli set another world record in a preliminary run for the professionals' sprint with a time of 10.587 seconds, bettering the 26-year-old record held by Switzerland's Oskar Plattner (10.99).

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following were the buying and selling rates for the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

One Sterling	1.6235/45	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3180/85	Canadian dollar
	1.8200/05	West German marks
	2.0520/30	Dutch guilders
	1.5005/15	Swiss francs
	37.83/88	Belgian francs
	6.0910/40	French francs
1319/1320	142.60/70	Italian lira
	6.3825/75	Japanese yen
6.7100/50	7.0075/0125	Swedish crowns
	458.70/459.20	Norwegian crowns
		Danish crowns
		U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equity prices continued Tuesday morning's advance during the afternoon session, on the back of a sharp early rise on Wall Street where futures-related programme buying helped push the Dow Jones average up 30 points, dealers said.

The advance followed a cautious opening but dealers said there was definitely a feeling in the market that the recent downward correction may now be over.

However, they warned that volume was still light and Tuesday's front emerges. The FTSE 100 share index at 1430 MDT stood 24 points up at 2,246.5 after 2,220.9 at the outset.

The cautious opening reflected Monday night's lower performance on both the New York and Tokyo stock markets as well as its remaining stake in British petroleum.

Dealers said the BP share sale was to some extent discounted and many investors had already reserved funds for the flotation during the market's recent downturn.

However, the sale is the largest ever by the government, around £7.5 billion, and it is perhaps too early to tell just how the wider market will be affected, they added.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This evening would be a fine time to get together with an associate whose actions you do not understand. Discuss what can be done to eliminate confusion.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study any problems which crop up so that you'll understand the underlying sources of these matters.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be cautious in any evening work if you want to avoid damage of some sort. Plan less expensive recreations.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Don't permit an outsider to talk you into something this evening which seems foolish, because it is.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Be very succinct in any messages you send out today, and you'll avoid a costly misunderstanding.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) A visit you've been planning for today is best postponed for a while. Attend to problems with business affairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) This is certainly not a day for social pleasures. Instead, attend to business and improve the outline of your budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try not to confide any personal information in newcomers who you know nothing about. Avoid confusion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't allow your feelings to be hurt by constructive criticism from a good friend. Use it to your advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Handle public or credit affairs very carefully. Be quite cautious that you don't offend anyone today.

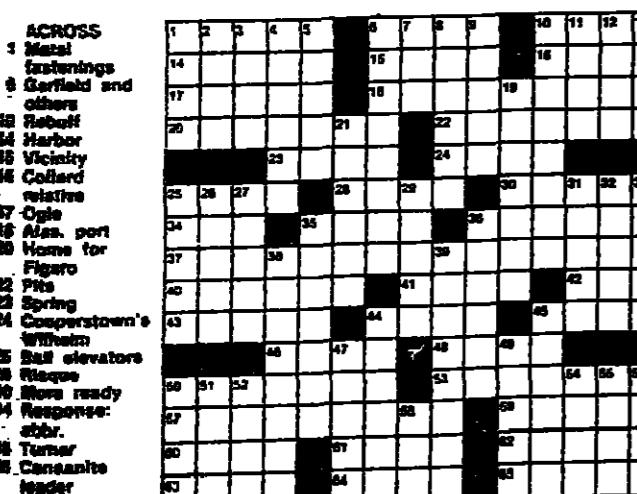
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take it easy tonight and get some rest. Listen to suggestions from those who have been successful in the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be sure to keep any promises you have made honorably. Study the details of a new venture which is confusing.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be sure that you don't do anything which will make your mate feel as if you're taking advantage of him or her.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will choose a profession which will require precision, cleanliness, order, etc. Your son or daughter will have a high degree of morality which should be tempered with a sense of mercy and kindness when dealing with others. A fascinating progeny, and one to be proud of.

THE Daily Crossword



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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Pentagon defends MX after critical report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The air force is calling the MX "the best missile system ever" in defending the nuclear weapon against a critical report written by a House committee controlled by opposition Democrats.

"We have a reliable and accurate missile," said Brig.-Gen. Charles May Jr., deputy director of advanced programmes for the air force.

Brig. May held a news conference Monday to reply to a report issued over the weekend by the House Armed Services Committee.

"Instead of being complimented for the best missile system ever developed in the history of the United States, we're being criticised for not being perfect," Brig. May said. "We believe the conclusions in the committee's statement are erroneous and a public statement is required to set the record straight."

Representatives Les Aspin, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, was out of Washington when the report was issued and a spokesman in his office said Mr. Aspin had no plans for an immediate response.

Mr. Aspin issued the report in the midst of a month-long congressional summer recess.

"There are no defects in the

82 per cent of the warheads have fallen "within the 50 per cent CEP circle, which is 32 per cent better than the requirement," Brig. May said.

"This is an A-plus using anyone's calculations," he said, referring to Mr. Aspin's statement that the weapon's accuracy should be graded a "D."

Thus far, the air force has completed 17 of the 20 planned tests. A dozen involved guidance systems built for test purposes, while the other five used slightly different production models.

Brig. May admitted the five production-model shots were not as accurate as those with the test models, but said the figures are still better than expected. "No matter how you cut the data, the accuracy of this system is better than specifications," he said.

The air force plans to conduct the final three tests later than it had originally scheduled, but that is not because of problems in the system, Brig. May said.

The accuracy of nuclear-tipped missiles is measured by the so-called circular error probable, or CEP. The CEP number is the radius of the circle in which 50 per cent of a weapon's warheads are supposed to land.

The exact figure for the MX is determined by the air force and is classified.

Of the 17 test flights thus far,

3 Greek parties denounce visit by American warships

ATHENS (R) — Left-wing political parties Tuesday denounced a visit by American warships to Greece and rejected government statements that it was purely a courtesy call.

The Greek Communist Party (KKE) said the visit by the aircraft carrier Saratoga and a destroyer to Piraeus was linked to broader American military preparations for intervention in the Gulf.

Government spokesman Yannis Roubatis said the visit had no political or military connections.

The KKE in a statement said it indicated a gradual subjugation of the Greek government to the United States.

It said the visit followed the government's decision to resume negotiations for a new agreement on the American military bases in

Moscow says summit hinges on Shultz-Shevardnadze talks

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Talks in Washington next month between Soviet Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz will clarify prospects for a third superpower summit, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

Spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said the next meeting between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. President Ronald Reagan would depend on progress towards nuclear arms control.

"The ministers' meeting will undoubtedly clarify how near we are toward holding a summit," he told a news conference.

Mr. Shultz and Mr. Shevardnadze are due to meet from Sept. 15-17 to try to narrow differences on an agreement to scrap medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles.

The Los Angeles Times reported at the weekend that Mr. Gorbachev planned to travel to the United States later next

U.S. blames Managua for blast outside envoy's house

MANAUGA, Nicaragua (AP) —

The U.S. embassy claims Sandinista soldiers exploded a bomb

over the weekend outside a vacant house where an American diplomat had been living, causing minor damage.

"There were soldiers, including officers," embassy spokesman Alberto Fernandez said about the 25 to 30 men who placed the explosive device Saturday morning.

"We are talking about armed soldiers. ... There is no doubt they were Sandinista military."

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said the United States viewed the action as "outrageous."

Mr. Fernandez said the house was leased by the embassy and was occupied until a few days before the explosion by an American whom he would describe only as a diplomat. The house is about 11 kilometres south of Managua in a neighbourhood of U.S. diplomatic personnel.

Mr. Fernandez quoted a guard at the house who witnessed the incident as saying about 25 to 30 soldiers walked up to a fence surrounding the property and placed two explosive devices, stood back and watched as one exploded and the other did not.

The soldiers, shouting anti-U.S. slogans, retrieved the unexploded device and left, Fernandez said. He said there were no injuries and described the damage as "minor."

Duarte meets Nicaraguan political opposition

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Salvadorean President Jose Napoleón Duarte met leaders of Nicaragua's political opposition as part of his efforts to push forward a five-nation Central American peace plan.

Government officials said Mr. Duarte, who last week met leaders of the armed Nicaraguan opposition, known as contras, had invited the Nicaraguan opposition to Monday's talks.

Government sources said that among those he met were the president and vice-president of the Nicaraguan Democratic Coordinator, an umbrella group for conservative Nicaraguan parties opposed to the ruling Sandinistas.

Also present was Gilberto Cuadra, representing private enterprise in Nicaragua, they added.

Mr. Duarte, who along with four other Central American presidents signed a peace-seeking accord in Guatemala City on Aug. 7, has since been a driving force in trying to make concrete progress over the plan.

Key points of the plan are proposed ceasefires in the guerrilla wars in El Salvador and Nicaragua, and democratic reforms and reconciliation with unarmed opposition groups in all countries, notably Nicaragua.

Mr. Duarte has proposed simultaneous talks in mid-September between his government and leftist Salvadoran guerrillas, and between the Sandinistas and rebels in Nicaragua.

Note that it is futile to lead the king of hearts at trick two. Since dummy has no fast entry, declarer won't be able to get a discard on that suit as long as the defenders hold up the ace for one round.

For reasons best known to him,

GOREN BRIDGE

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FIND THAT ENTRY!

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The bidding: East South West North

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Opening lead: Queen of ♣

We are not overly fond of partners who go out of their way to lead some other suit when we have indicated a lead by bidding a suit. But we find it very difficult to fault them when they have found the only lead to give us a chance to defeat the contract!

After his partner's one spade overall, North's leap to four spades was more out of fear than the opponents had a minor-suit game than that his side could make ten tricks. He was wrong on both counts.

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self, West chose to ignore his partner's suit and lead the queen of clubs. Declarer won in hand and led a trump to the queen and ace. Back came another club, won in the closed hand. Now declarer drew the last trump and then tried the king of hearts. East took his ace and found the only way to reach his partner's hand—he underlined his A-K-Q of diamonds. West took his two minor-suit tricks to defeat the contract one trick.

While we congratulate the defenders on an excellent performance, declarer did not make the most of his assets. East surely had all the aces because West, who was marked with the queen-jack of clubs from the lead, probably would have taken some action if he had an ace into the bargain. If clubs were 4-3, the contract was probably going down no matter what declarer did. Therefore, he had to hope that clubs were 5-2.

The only suit in which West might gain the lead was diamonds. Therefore, declarer should have returned a diamond at trick two to cut communications between the defenders. The "scissors coup" would have done the trick.

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But defence lawyers pleaded for mercy, saying Lone tree would bear the scars of the sex scandal for the rest of his life.

After nearly three hours of deliberations, a jury of eight Marine officers announced the 30-year jail term and said Lone tree would also be fined \$5,000, demoted to the rank of private and given a dishonorable discharge.

The sentence was a surprise to Lone tree's lawyers who had expected the harshest punishment — life in prison — for the first Marine convicted of espionage in the more than 200-year history of the corps.

The 25-year-old Marine, an American Indian, was found guilty last Friday on 13 counts of spying for the Soviet Union during his two years guarding the Moscow and Vienna embassies.

In four hours of final arguments before the jury began its deliberations, Major Frank Short, one of the prosecuting attorneys, argued for life in prison, saying: "That's a sentence that fits this crime. That's a sentence that fits this criminal."

Short urged the jury of Marine

officers to "set an example for another 212 years so that this doesn't happen again."

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He himself was a pawn and a scapegoat," said lawyer Michael Stroff. "What do you achieve by being unduly harsh?"

There was no immediate com-

plaint from Lone tree or his lawyers but his defense team, led by New York lawyer William Kunstler, had said it would file an appeal with the court of military review immediately after sentencing.

If that effort fails, Kunstler said he will ask civilian courts to overturn the verdict and sentence — a process that could take up to two years.

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The early morning launch, which had twice been aborted because of poor weather, was the first under an agreement signed last week between Australia and West Germany.

The British Skylark rocket was

launched to study emissions from a recently discovered exploding star, Supernova 87A.

Located in the large Magellanic Cloud, 87A is best seen from the relatively unpolluted southern

bisphere and is the brightest supernova sighted since Kepler's Star in 1604.

The Skylark's scientific payload included a powerful telescope for the 14-minute flight.

The reusable payload reached a height of 250 kilometres above Earth before beginning its downward trajectory by parachute.

The rocket debris and payload were to be recovered later Tuesday about 150 kilometres north of the launch site.

Defence Department officials

and scientists from West Germany's space agency and Max Planck Institute described it as a

successful launch.



Cecilia Cichan, with her brother, David

Report: Crew of Detroit crash disconnected alarm

DETROIT (AP) — The crew of Northwest Flight 255 had disconnected an alarm meant to indicate problems with the airplane's takeoff gear, a Detroit television station has reported.

The plane's cockpit voice recorder has shown no evidence that the alarm sounded before flight 255 took off Aug. 16 from Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The plane crashed just after takeoff in the second-worst U.S. airplane disaster.

The alarm normally would go off when the airplane's wing flaps are not in takeoff position and should be.

A preliminary check of the plane's flight data recorder indicated that the wing flaps were not extended before takeoff, but that is not conclusive, investigators said. Flaps usually are extended to provide additional lift at low airspeeds during takeoff and landing.

The alarm sounded earlier Aug. 16 after the plane arrived in Detroit from Saginaw when the crew shut down one engine to conserve fuel while taxiing, an unidentified investigator told WJBK-TV.

"The crew disabled the alarm system, which also monitors the wing flaps, by disconnecting a circuit breaker, the station reported.

"The circuit breaker was pulled," the investigator told WJBK. "We know that for a fact."

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